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IMAGE CODER, IMAGE DECODER, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

English language abstracts of JPA Nos. 56-11395 and 56-164645 are submitted herewith and constitute concise statements of relevance.

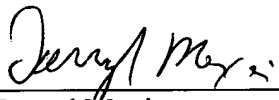
JPA 55-12429 corresponds to U.S. Patent 4,258,264.

JPA 55-163472 corresponds to U.S. Patent 4,315,318.

JPA 55-116340 corresponds to U.S. Patent 4,276,473

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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